













# Ranger Programs

During your visit the National Park Service encourages you to participate in the programs listed below. All programs are free.

## Grand Canyon Village

Activity	Location	Time	Duration	Frequency
People and the Canyon: Past, Present, and Future  				
For thousands of years, humans have been part of Grand Canyon. Join park staff outside of Verkamp’s Visitor Center to take a look at the history of the South Rim area. Programs may include a walk around the village historic district or a talk inside, if the weather is poor. Parking in the nearby lot may be limited. Ride the free Village Route shuttle bus to the Train Depot stop.	Verkamp’s Visitor Center front porch	9:00 a.m.	45 minutes	Daily
Fireside Chat  				
Join a park ranger in front of a warm fire and learn about the many facets of Grand Canyon. Topics may include geology, wildlife, native plants, native cultures, current research and more. Have a question? This is a great venue to ask a ranger and gain a deeper understanding of the rich scientific and cultural history of this park. Arrive by walking, parking in Lot A, or riding the free Village Shuttle Bus to the Shrine of the Ages stop.	Park Headquarters, Parking Lot A	10:00 a.m.	30 –45 minutes	Daily
		3:30 p.m.	30 –45 minutes	Sunday
Stories in Stone: Introduction to Grand Canyon’s Geology  				
Why is the Grand Canyon so deep, wide, and grand? Why does it exist only here in the world? Come and participate in this fascinating talk to learn how Grand Canyon was formed. Arrive by riding the free Kaibab/Rim Route shuttle bus to The Yavapai Geology Museum stop or park in the nearby parking areas.	Inside Yavapai Geology Museum	10:00 a.m.	30 –45 minutes	Daily
Rim to River: Plants and Animals of Grand Canyon  				
Come explore the natural history of Grand Canyon. Learn about the plants and animals that live in the many life zones from river to rim. Learn to look for clues to what is around you during your visit. In nice weather you may venture out for a short walk to see and experience nature. In inclement weather, learn about the plants and animals from the warmth of the visitor center by examining clues nature has left behind. Park in the adjacent lots, walk the Greenway Trail, or ride the free Village Route shuttle bus to the Grand Canyon Visitor Center stop.	Inside Grand Canyon Visitor Center	12:30 p.m.	45 minutes	Daily
A Photographer’s Dream: A Tour of Historic Kolb Studio (by reservation only)				
Kolb Studio, built in 1904, spills five levels down the canyon wall. The Kolb brothers played an integral role in the early years of development at Grand Canyon. From the studio they photographed countless visitors as they began their mule trips. Join a ranger for a closer look at Kolb Studio and the fascinating time in which the Kolb family lived. Limited to 12 participants. Register at Kolb Studio for the tour prior to that day’s program or by calling (928) 638-2771.	Kolb Studio	2:00 p.m.	45 minutes	Daily
Geo-Glimpse  				
Wondering how Grand Canyon came to be? Enjoy this short introductory talk to learn about the geology of Grand Canyon, while you explore the Yavapai Geology Museum. Parking may be available at Yavapai Point or plan to arrive by the free Kaibab/Rim Route shuttle bus to the Yavapai Geology Museum. Consider walking along the Trail of Time following the program.	Inside Yavapai Geology Museum	3:00 p.m.	15–20 minutes	Daily
Grand Canyon Details: An In-depth Look at Nature and History  				
A perfect way to end your day of exploring. As the darkness of night comes early in the winter months, join a park ranger to learn more about the canyon’s fascinating natural and cultural history. From the warmth of this beautiful auditorium, dig deeper into the canyon’s amazing resources and stories. For this day’s topic check the schedules posted around the park. Consider taking the short walk to the rim following the program to enjoy a winter sunset. Arrive by walking, driving or riding the free Village Route shuttle bus to the Shrine of the Ages stop.	Shrine of the Ages auditorium, Parking Lot A	3:30 p.m.	1 hour	Monday through Saturday
Additional Programs in the Grand Canyon Village Area				
As staffing permits, rangers will present additional programs and activities such as a Discovery Program, Rim Walk, Mather Point Talk, a Moon Walk, or a Star Talk. Watch for program announcements posted at visitor centers, Park Headquarters, and other park facilities.	Locations vary	Varies	Varies	Varies

We hope that learning more about Grand Canyon National Park and its resources will lead to a greater appreciation of your national park.

## Desert View and Tusayan Museum

### Glimpses of the Past



Have you ever wondered what life was like at Grand Canyon 800 years ago? How did people find food, water, and shelter? Join a ranger to explore the remains of an ancestral Puebloan village. Envision a thriving community in this harsh and demanding environment. Program includes a journey on a 0.1 mile (0.2 km) flat, paved trail.

**Tusayan Museum**, 3 miles  
(5 km) west of Desert View

11:00 a.m.  
and  
1:30 p.m.

30–45  
minutes

Daily

#### Children must be accompanied by an adult on all programs.



These family-oriented programs are ideal for meeting the ranger program requirement for the Grand Canyon's Junior Ranger award. Any ranger program, however, will meet the requirement on page 2 of the Junior Ranger Activity Booklet.



All outdoor programs may be canceled during rain, snow, or lightning storms.



These programs are wheelchair accessible with assistance. Wheelchairs may be checked out at the Grand Canyon Visitor Center free of charge.

## Special Programs

### Historic Kolb Studio Art Exhibits

#### *Grand Canyon's Green Heart: The Unsung Legacy of Plants*

December 10, 2010 – February 22, 2011

Best known for its grand vistas and geologic wonders, Grand Canyon also nurtures more plants than any other national park, and nearly half of all the plants that occur in Arizona. Often beautiful, sometimes treacherous, plants achieve the extraordinary feat of transforming sunlight into food, thus serving as the basis for all animal life on Earth.



This exhibition is an introduction to the fascinating world of canyon plants, the botanists who have studied and protected them, and a celebration of the art of botanical illustration.

**Kolb Studio is open daily 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.**

**Exhibits are free and open to the public. Kolb Studio exhibits are sponsored by the Grand Canyon Association.**

### Artist-in-Residence Program

Few places have provoked as much wonder and creativity as Grand Canyon. Grand Canyon National Park hosts two Artist-in-Residence (AiR) programs – a seasonal program on the North Rim and a year-round program on the South Rim. Artists of all genre, selected through a formal jury process, are awarded three-week residencies. During their time at the canyon, each artist or collaborative group presents programs for visitors and has focused studio time to pursue their projects.

**December:** Painter/fabric installation/print maker Rachel Wilson; Flagstaff, Arizona. While in-residence, Rachel will be working with the local school children on projects influenced by the geology and cultures of the Southwest.

**January:** creative non-fiction writer/photographer and environmental artist Pamela Petro; Northampton, Massachusetts. Pamela will present evening programs that include both images of her visual art, as well as readings from her essays.

**February:** Cellist Rhonda Rider; Boston, Massachusetts. Rhonda has collaborated with nine composers on cello pieces influenced by Grand Canyon. During her residency, Rhonda will premier these works in a very special evening concert on February 26th.

All workshops and presentations are free, family-friendly and open to the public. Please check at any visitor center for information on dates, locations and times of AiR programs.



#### Want to know more?

For more information about the Artist-in-Residence program, please visit our web site:

[www.nps.gov/grca/supportyourpark/air.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grca/supportyourpark/air.htm)